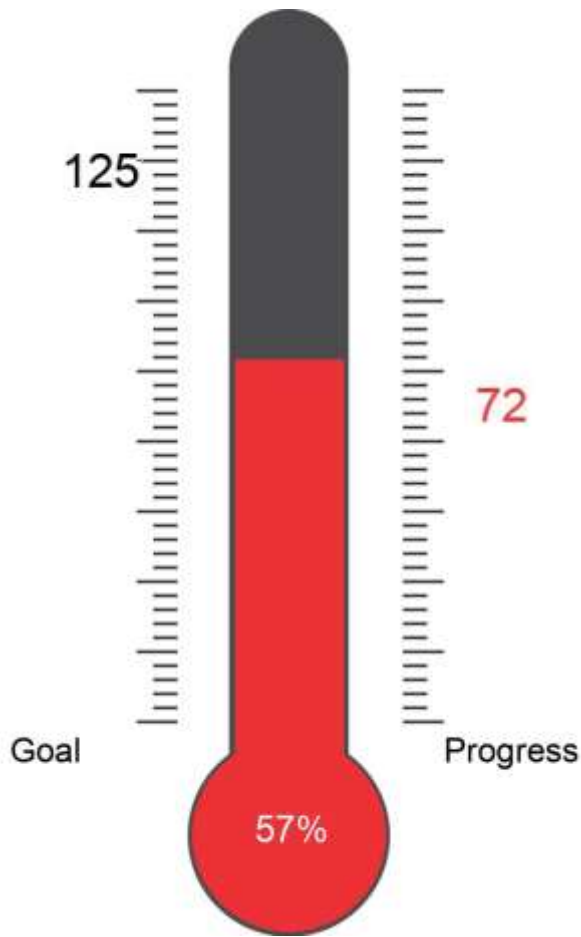


St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

PUSH TO STEWARDSHIP APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Let's work together! Our Push Goal is to have **125 Stewards** Pledged by **March 7th**. Our goal for the year is 190. Let us start the year off right with a solid push!



Goal: 125 Stewards

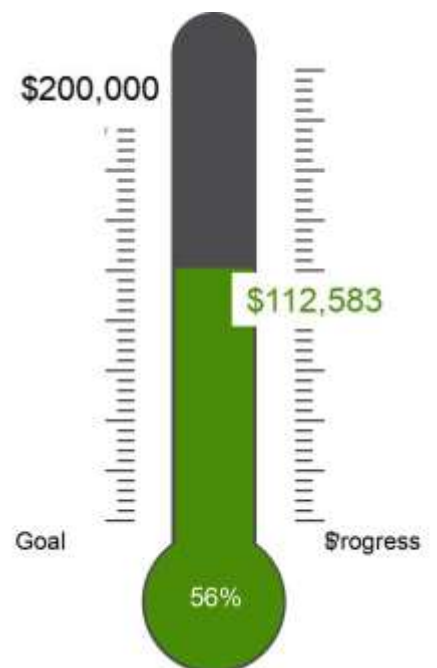
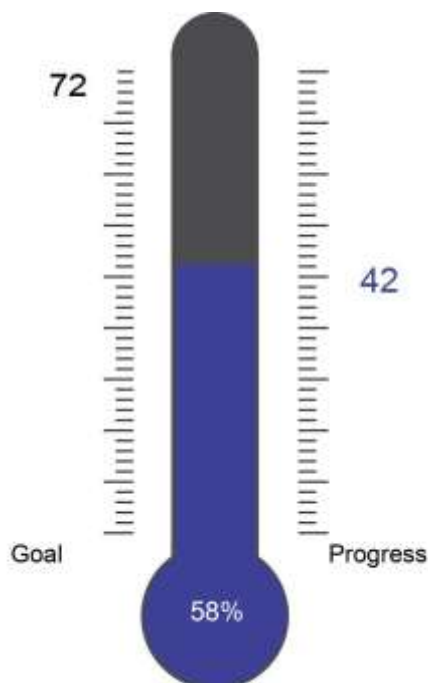
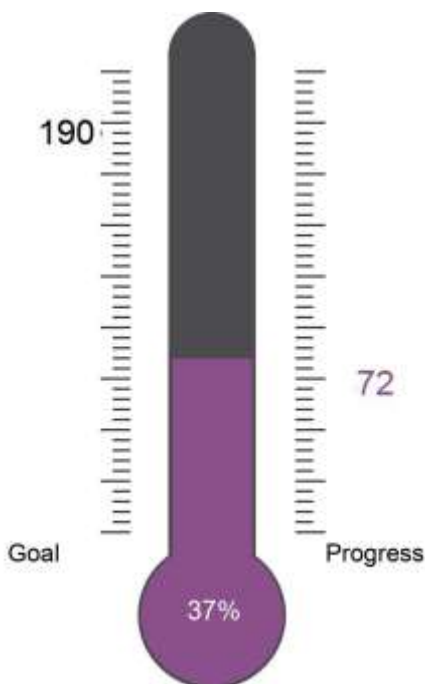
Current 72 Stewards

% of Goal 57%

STEWARDS

MINISTRY PARTICIPATION

PLEDGED STEWARDSHIP



As of January 13, 2021

This year, the Stewardship Committee has set an additional challenge to our Stewards for the 2021 Year. We challenge each Steward to become a member of at least one Ministry of our Parish. With so many to choose from, this should be an easy task! If you want to volunteer, we have philanthropy ministries. If you want to get involved in the life of the Church, we have ministries for that too! Even during COVID-19 there are so many things to do! Join us in making our parish more complete by your presence!

Stewardship Appreciation Sunday!



In normal years, as a thank you to our Stewards who make the Ministries of St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church possible, the Stewardship Committee would offer a delicious Luncheon. This year, the committee will find a new way to show our appreciation to you all. Stay tuned! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on January 17th for the Feast of St. Anthony

You can watch our services by clicking on any of the links to our Live Stream. Please subscribe for regular update



We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, January 24, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ 14th Sunday of Luke
- ◇ Xenia, Deaconess of Rome
- ◇ Vavylas the Holy Martyr
- ◇ Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

We may learn from this that when we ask with faith, God does not give something other than what we ask for, but the very same thing. However, when we ask for one thing and receive something else, it is clear that either we did not make a good request or we did not ask with faith.

Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Ochrid and Bulgaria

The Explanation of the Gospel of St. Luke, 11th Century

Narthex Duty:

Welcoming Ministry:

Orthros Reader:

Memorial:

NA during Covid

NA during Covid

Ann Rousakis - 40 Days

Held at Elmwood Cemetery 1/21/21

May Her Memory Be Eternal

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

Our righteous Mother Xenia of Petersburg was born about the year 1730. She was married to a Colonel named Andrew; when she was twenty-six years old, her husband died suddenly, having been drinking with his friends. Left a childless widow, Xenia gave away all that she had, and vanished from Saint Petersburg for eight years; it is believed that she spent this time in a hermitage, learning the spiritual life. When she returned to Saint Petersburg, she wore her husband's military clothing, and would answer only to the name Andrew, that is, the name of her late husband. She took up the life of a homeless wanderer, and was abused by many as insane; she bore this with great patience, crucifying the carnal mind through the mockery she endured, and praying for her husband's soul. She was given great gifts of prayer and prophecy, and often foretold things to come; in 1796 she foretold the death of Empress Catherine II. Having lived forty-five years after her husband's death, she reposed in peace at the age of seventy-one, about the year 1800. Her grave became such a source of miracles, and so many came to take soil from it as a blessing, that it was often necessary to replace the soil; when a stone slab was placed over her grave, this too disappeared over time, piece by piece. Saint Xenia is especially invoked for help in finding employment, lodging, or a spouse.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.

January

7: Synaxis of the Forerunner 18: St. Athanasios
21: St. Maximos the Confessor 25: St. Gregory the Theologian

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Plagal of the 4th Tone

You descended from on high, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

1st Tone

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος α'

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νὺν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 1:15-17 τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα

The reading is from St. Paul's
First Letter to Timothy 1:15-17

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος
καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι
Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἦλθεν εἰς τὸν
κόσμον ἁμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι, ὧν
πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ· ἀλλὰ διὰ
τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ
πρώτῳ ἐνδείξῃται Ἰησοῦς
Χριστὸς τὴν πᾶσαν
μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν
τῶν μελλόντων πιστεύειν ἐπ'
αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ
βασίλει τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφθάρτῳ,
ἀοράτῳ, μόνῳ σοφῷ θεῷ, τιμὴ
καὶ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν
αἰώνων. Ἀμήν.

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance, that
Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners. And I am the foremost
of sinners; but I received mercy for
this reason, that in me, as the
foremost, Jesus Christ might
display his perfect patience for an
example to those who were to
believe in him for eternal life. To
the King of ages, immortal,
invisible, the only God, be honor
and glory to the ages of ages.
Amen.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:35-
43 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν
τῷ ἐγγίξειν αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεριχὼν
τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν
ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν· ἀκούσας δὲ
ὄχλου διαπορευομένου
ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἴη
ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι
Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος
παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων·
Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ Δαυίδ, ἐλέησόν
με· καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων
αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ
πολλῷ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· υἱὲ
Δαυίδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ
Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν
ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος
δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν
λέγων· τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ
εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ
Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀνάβλεψον·
ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ
παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ
ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν
Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν
ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

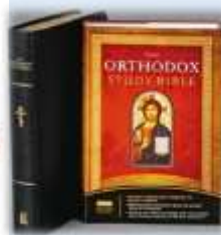
**The Gospel According to
Luke 18:35-43**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to
Jericho, a blind man was sitting
by the roadside begging; and
hearing a multitude going by, he
inquired what this meant. They
told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is
passing by." And he cried, "Jesus,
Son of David, have mercy on
me!" And those who were in front
rebuked him, telling him to be
silent; but he cried out all the
more, "Son of David, have mercy
on me!" And Jesus stopped, and
commanded him to be brought to
him; and when he came near, he
asked him, "What do you want me
to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let
me receive my sight." And Jesus
said to him, "Receive your sight;
your faith has made you well."
And immediately he received his
sight and followed him, glorifying
God; and all the people, when
they saw it, gave praise to God.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
of Chicago, Illinois



When: Tuesday Mornings –
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Where: ONLINE VIA

Bible Study
Covid-19
Fall: Acts of
the Apostles



Participate in a Zoom Meeting Watch on Facebook Live and ask questions in the comments

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



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Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

November 11 - April 14

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Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

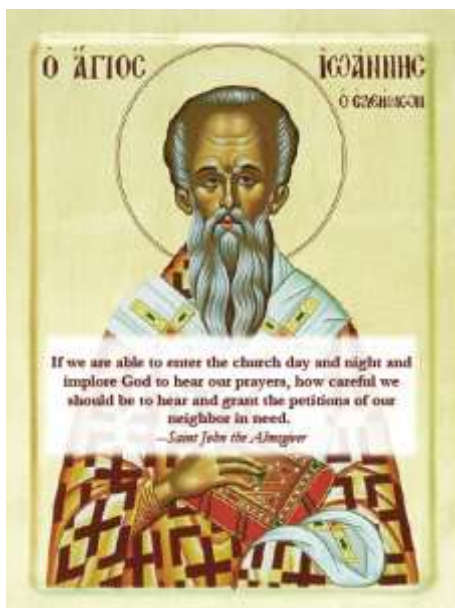
- Sunday, January 24, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Monday, January 25, 6:30am - Divine Liturgy for St. Gregory the Theologian
 - Tuesday, January 26, 10:00am - Bible Study
 - Wednesday, January 27, 5:30pm - Paraklisis
- Wednesday, January 27, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- Friday, January 29, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for Three Hierarchs at Ss. Constantine & Helen in Palos Hills, IL
- Saturday, January 30, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, January 31, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2020?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri New Year's Day 8:30 am Hierarchical Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision and St. Basil the Great	2 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
3 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	4 7:00 pm Parish Council	5 7:30 am 8:30 am Royal Hours of Theophany Vespersal Liturgy of the Eve of Theophany	6 8:00 am 7:00 pm Orthros & Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters of Theophany Great Vespers of the Synaxis of the Forerunner	7 6:30 am Divine Liturgy of the Synaxis of the Forerunner	8 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	9 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
10 11:00 am St. Basil 5-7th Grade Sunday School	11	12	13	14	15 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	16 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
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Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses

\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil

72 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged

\$112,583

Dollar Amount Collected

\$22,200

Average Pledge

\$1563.65

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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